



Newsletter

Dec. 2017 — Jan. 2018

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year!



Most, but not all, attendees at the Christmas Party.

Dignity/Seattle's Christmas Party, December 9, 2017

Great food, wonderful friends, and Delia and Annah's beautifully decorated home and generous hospitality made for a memorable Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9. No one left hungry as plenty of delicious ham, crockpot chicken, salads, potatoes, home-made bread, and much more led to a grand finale of Tish's (always from scratch) layered chocolate cake. A big thank you goes out to those contributing to this year's collection for Seattle's homeless encampments.



Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice-President, Liturgy Comm.
Delia Vita	Treasurer, Social Comm.
Alan Scott	Secretary, Social Comm.
Laure Hauge	At-large

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We provide a safe environment for people to reconcile our God-given gifts of sexual orientation and our Catholic faith through gay-affirming liturgies. Being part of the Dignity/Seattle family means claiming ownership of our faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership.

Expenses:

General Expenses:	
Donation to Mary's Place for	
30 USB flash drives	\$100.00
Sub-Total General Expenses:	\$100.00

Ending Balance: \$4,938.54

Total Restricted Fund for	
2019 National Convention	\$294.33
Total Available Funds:	\$4,644.21

Savings Account

Beginning Balance:	\$1,621.54
Interest income	\$.08
Ending Balance:	\$1,621.62

Committee Reports:

Liturgy Committee: (Paula Hills)

- Updated the Dignity/Seattle website home page with the monthly liturgy cancellation notice.
- Laure and Paula H. cleaned out the Dignity/Seattle storage room at Ravenna United Methodist Church.

No Old Business

New Business:

- The following board member positions were elected for the 2017-2018 year:
 - ◊ Paula Lavallee – President
 - ◊ Paula Hills – Vice President
 - ◊ Alan Scott – Secretary
 - ◊ Delia Vita – Treasurer
- Dignity National Jubilee. Paula L. distributed copies of DignityUSA Jubilee Documents to board members. Board members are to read the documentation in preparation for Jubilee meetings to begin after first of the year. Jubilee meetings are to consist of stories talking about the history of Dignity/Seattle. Coincidentally this history will apply to preparation of history and documentation for Dignity/Seattle's 45th anniversary celebration in 2018. Paula L. will participate in a Jubilee Planning Teleconference on October 30 with other West Coast Dignity chapters. All board members are invited to participate in the teleconference.
- Social Activity Discussion.
 - ◊ Laure H. to find an optimal date for a group of members to attend ACT Theater's "Ham for the Holidays" production in December.
 - ◊ Dignity/Seattle Christmas Party to be held at Delia's home from 4 to 8pm on Saturday December 9.
- 2019 Dignity National Conference. Paula L. participated in the National Conference Committee planning teleconference on Wednesday, October 18. Laure will handle "the environment" of the central stage. Delia is considering taking charge of registration.
- Holiday Party. Dignity/Seattle's 2017 Holiday Party will be held at Delia's home from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9th. Paula L. will bring the ham. Alan S. will email the invitation ASAP. Laure to pro-

Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes October 19, 2017 (edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. Board members Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge were present.

M/M/S/C: To approve the August 23, 2017 meeting minutes.

President's report (Paula Lavallee)

- Received a few emails.
- Rev. Dan Duval of the Interfaith Mission of St. Francis and Clare of Assisi in Tulalip, WA invited Dignity members to participate in their inclusive Catholic Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning in January. Laure will attend the mass and report.
- A total of 11 Dignity/Seattle survey responses were received prior to the membership meeting. None have been received since.

Secretary's report (Alan Scott)

Added the October & November 2017 newsletter to the website.

Treasurer's report (Delia Vita)

August 24, 2017 to October 19, 2017

Checking Account

Beginning Balance:	\$5,038.16
Deposits	\$0.00
Total Deposits:	\$0.00
Sub-Total:	\$5,038.16

vide disco balls to auction. One of Seattle's tent cities will be the sole beneficiary of collected donations. Alan S. will coordinate with other organizations or check out the Tent City 5 Amazon Wish List to determine the need.

- Food Lifeline. The next Food Lifeline warehouse volunteer night is to occur on Tuesday, December 5th.



Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Delia's home. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
 by: Alan Scott, Secretary

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1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St (off E Hastings St, Vancouver. tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com).

For information about other D/V events, please visit <http://dignitycanada.org/vancouver.html>.

Food Lifeline Baked Goods - December 5, 2017

Dignity/Seattle's Food Lifeline volunteer contingent has grown to include a couple more volunteers from Wallingford 's St. Benedict's Parish. Dignity/Seattle's team of nine outpaced all others in two hours of sorting through various baked goods, and placing the newly packed boxes onto pallets of desserts, sliced breads, and other unsliced breads and rolls. All involved rescued over 9000 pounds of baked goods providing nearly 7500 meals for our hungry neighbors across Western Washington. Join the team on February 6, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the next Food Lifeline Volunteer opportunity.





Dignity's participation in the Second Assembly of the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics a huge success

(The following text is reprinted from the December 15, 2017 DignityUSA Dateline)

From November 30 to December 3, 2017, Leo Egashira, Jeff Stone, and Marianne Duddy-Burke represented DignityUSA at the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics (GNRC) gathering in Dachau, Germany. Ninety people from about 40 organizations representing 38 countries were in attendance. Dignity's representatives participated in working groups focused on issues of criminalization, media/communications, and increasing diversity and inclusion in GRNC. DignityUSA Executive Director, Marianne Duddy-Burke co-chaired the Constitutional Assembly, which led to GRNC becoming an official international charity, registered in Rome. DignityUSA's impact and leadership on the international level was affirmed and strengthened through our participation at the GNRC gathering. DignityUSA's representatives appreciate the financial contributions of generous donors which made their attendance at this important gathering possible. Thank you!

← Jeff Stone, Marianne Duddy-Burke, and Leo Egashira in Dachau, Germany

↓ Leo signing constitutional documents for the GNRC

